constitute a Council under Article 263 of the Constitution of India to make enquiries into the matter and suggest suitable remedies. The proposal envisages the council being comprised of persons not belonging to either of the two States involved.

"(b) The Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by placing the papers on the table of the House."

* 1755 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the present stage of the proposal for getting water to North Arcot and Chingleput districts from the Palar river by arrangement with the Mysore Government?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"This Government are actively considering a proposal to request the Government of India to constitute a council under Article 263 of the Constitution of India to make enquiries into the matter and suggest suitable remedies. The proposal envisages the council being comprised of persons not belonging to either of the two States involved."

* 1756 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to get more water in the Palar for purposes of Irrigation in the North Arcot and Chingleput districts, by way of negotiations with the Mysore Government or representations made to the Union Government or otherwise?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"Certain suggestions made in 1949 for getting more water in the Palar were examined by the Government in consultation with the Chief Engineer but it was ultimately found that no steps could be taken as suggested. But the question of unlawful interception of supplies in the river in the limits of Mysore had been examined from time to time during the previous three decades. In the process the Government of Mysore has been addressed for information several times. But the information actually obtained had not been helpful for arriving at a definite conclusion.

"Recently while replying to a reference from the Union Government in the matter, this Government requested them to use their good offices in the matter of supply to this Government a full and correct information by Mysore regarding the capacity of and the use of waters in the works in the Palar basin in Mysore limits. This Government are now considering a proposal to request the Government of India to constitute a council under Article 263 of the Constitution of India to make enquiries into the matter and suggest suitable remedies. The proposal envisages the council being comprised of persons not belonging to either of the two States involved."